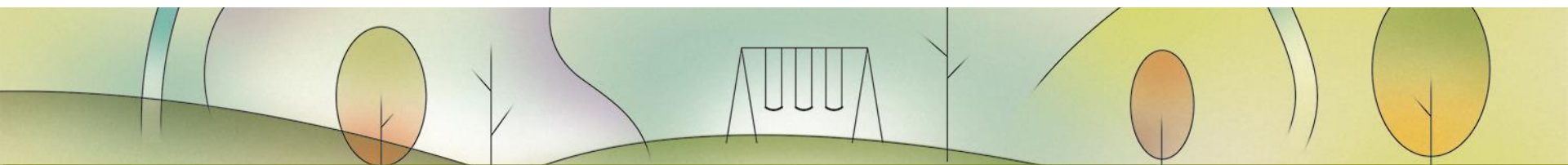




QUEENS WAY AND THE 606 RAIL TO TRAIL CONVERSION PROJECTS

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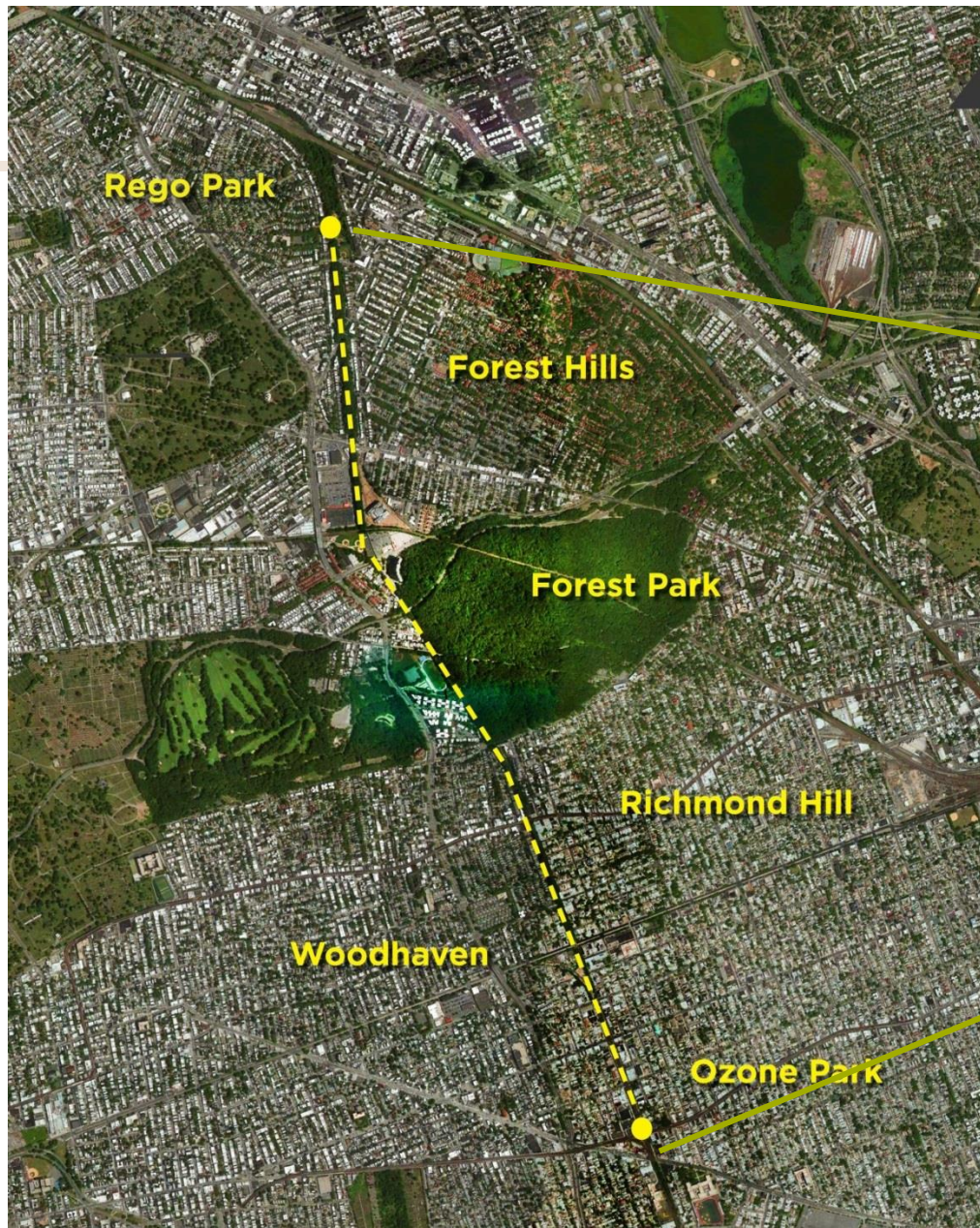
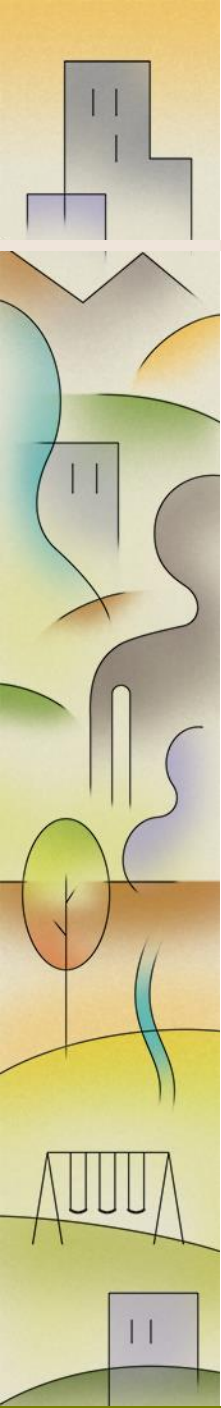




The QueensWay





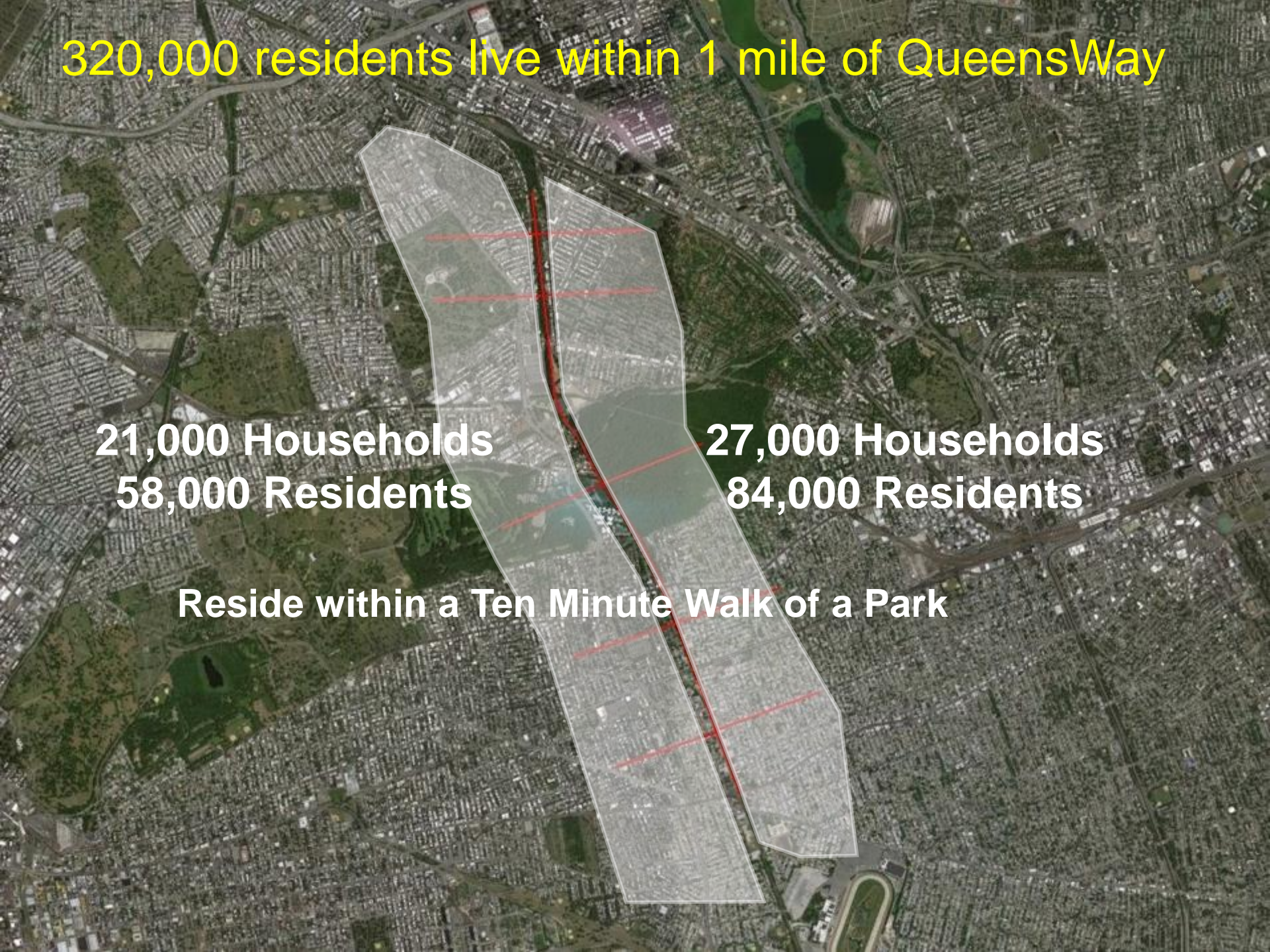


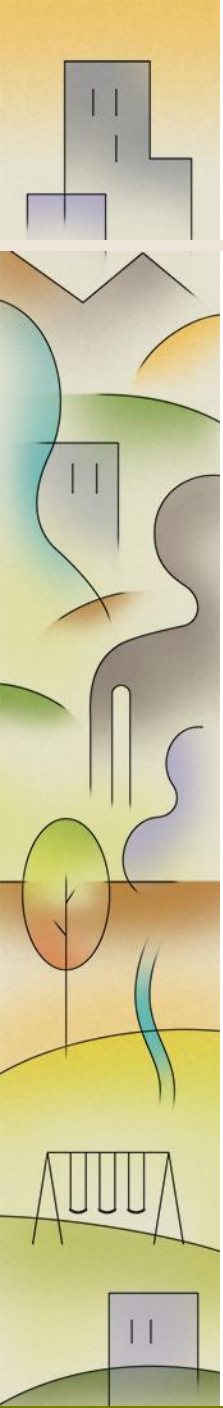
320,000 residents live within 1 mile of QueensWay

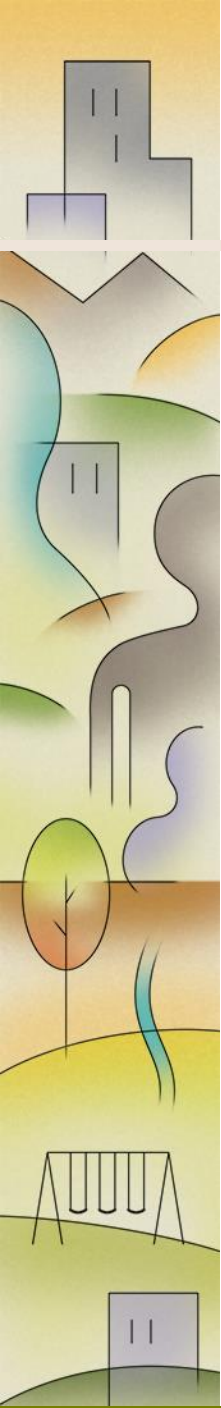
**21,000 Households
58,000 Residents**

**27,000 Households
84,000 Residents**

Reside within a Ten Minute Walk of a Park







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What are you advocating for?

THE QUEENSWAY



There was an abandoned railroad in Central and Southern Queens called the Rockaway Branch Railroad.



People in a community board started advocating by using tools of a democracy such as canvassing and grassroots movement for the Queensway.

For more information, please contact Friends of the Queensway: www.thequeensway.org

Magnum Medeiros

What are you advocating for?



Peter beetle made a grassroots movement that created the friends of Queensway. They went to the community board to explain a plan for the abandoned train rails. They advocate for the abandoned rail not to be destroyed, just to turn into a park.



That turning the rails into a sustainable park for people to have a good time. So people can go bike riding, relaxing, and other fun stuff to do.

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A High Line in Queens: Just Imagine the Food

By ELEANOR RANDOLPH
Published: March 16, 2013

For almost a century, American railroads of all sizes have been shedding branch and feeder lines, leaving more than 100,000 miles of abandoned railways across the country. And for the last 50 years, conservationists have been working to [re-engineer these railways](#) into long, narrow strips of parkland.

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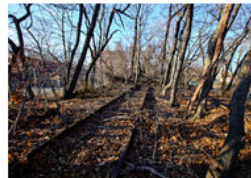
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Byron Smith for The New York Times
An abandoned rail trestle that would be a part of the QueensWay.

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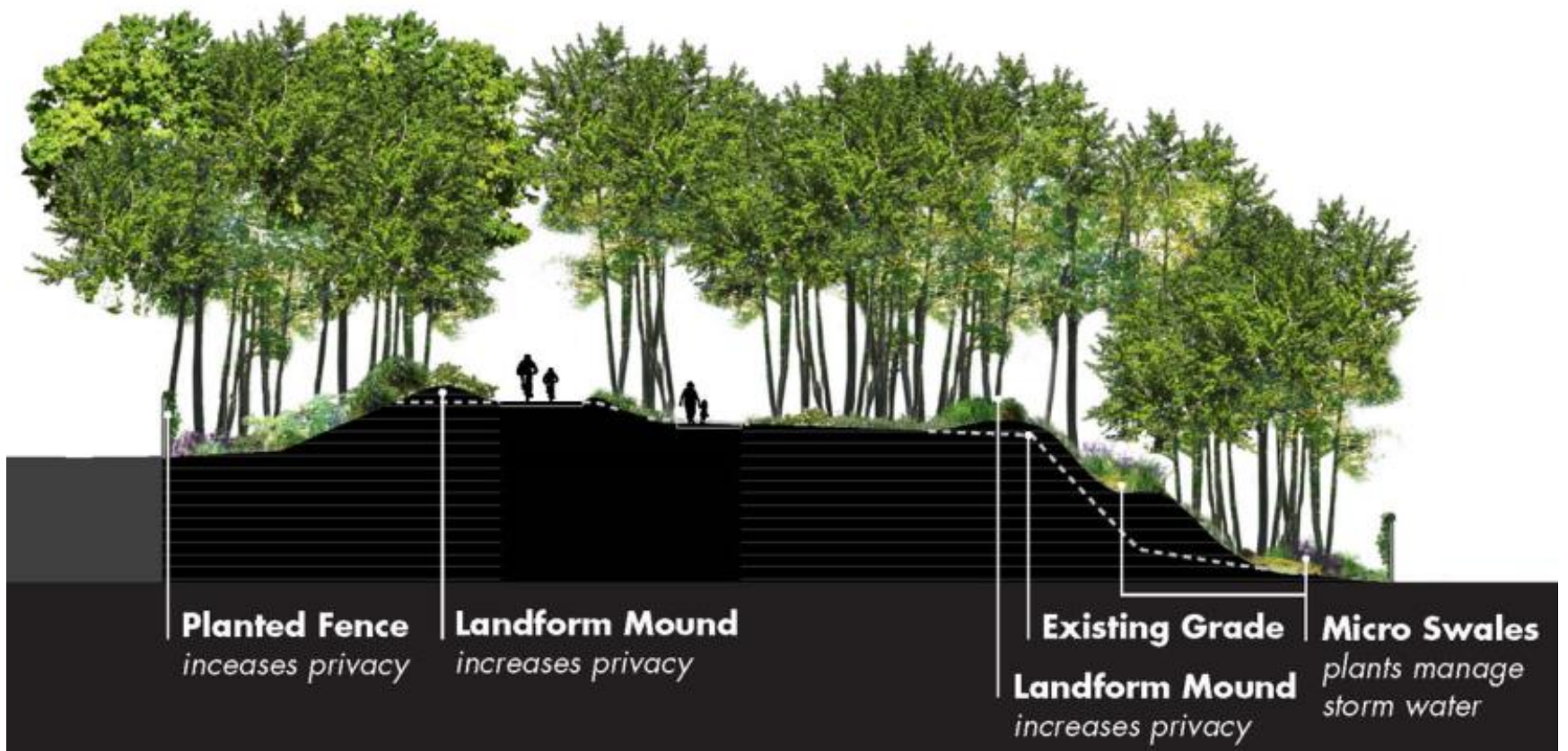
Seattle was one of the first cities to jump on the rails-to-trails idea, turning an abandoned rail line into an inviting urban corridor — the Burke-Gilman Trail — for walkers, joggers, bicyclists and commuters. The railway that carried the elephants and tigers to Ringling Brothers in Sarasota, Fla., is now, essentially, an elongated public park. Chicago is building the Bloomingdale Trail, a three-mile elevated linear park running through the heart of the city.

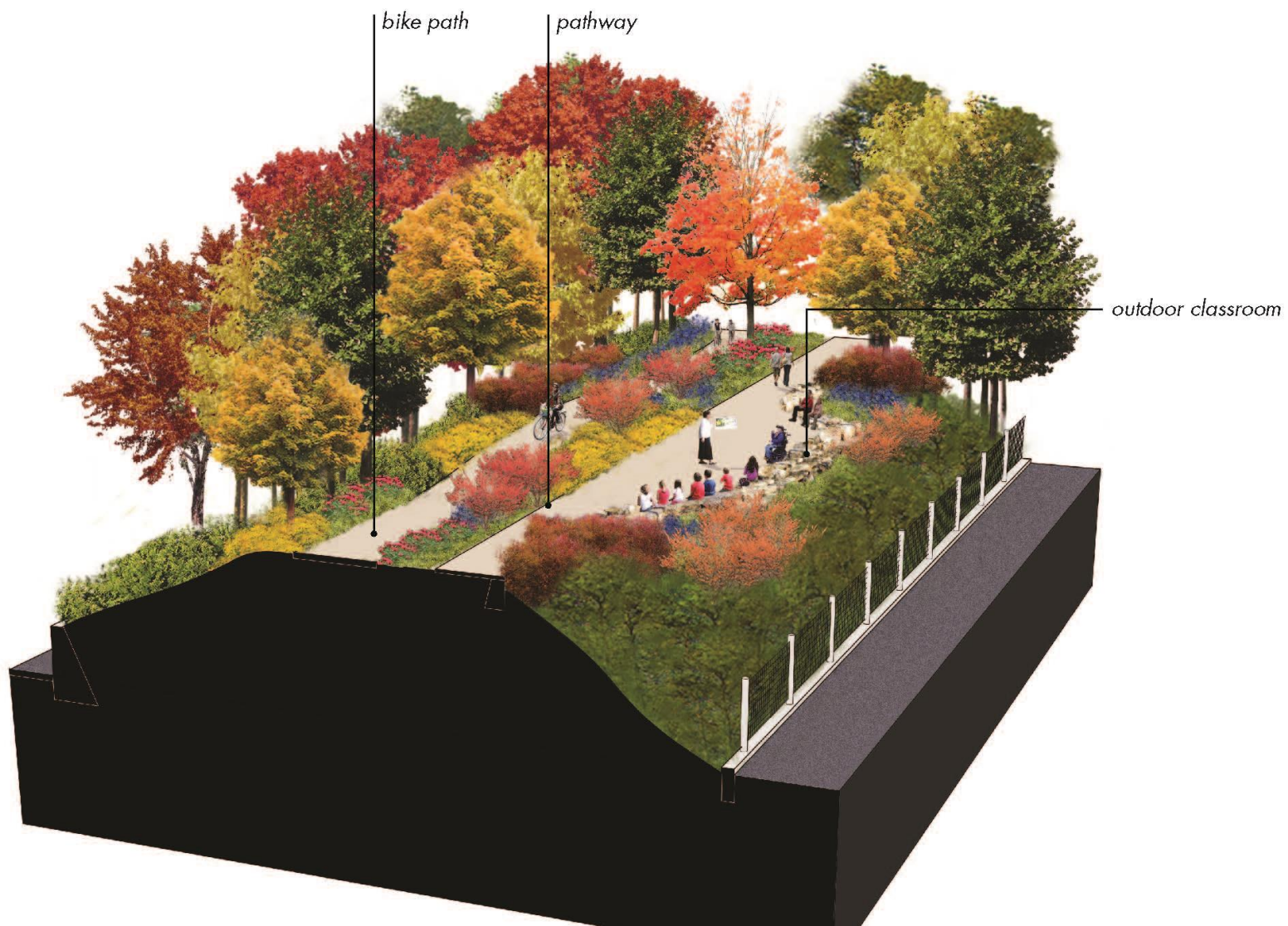
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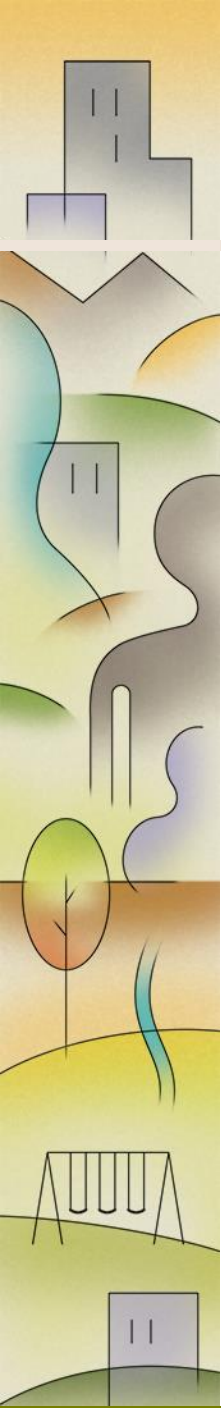


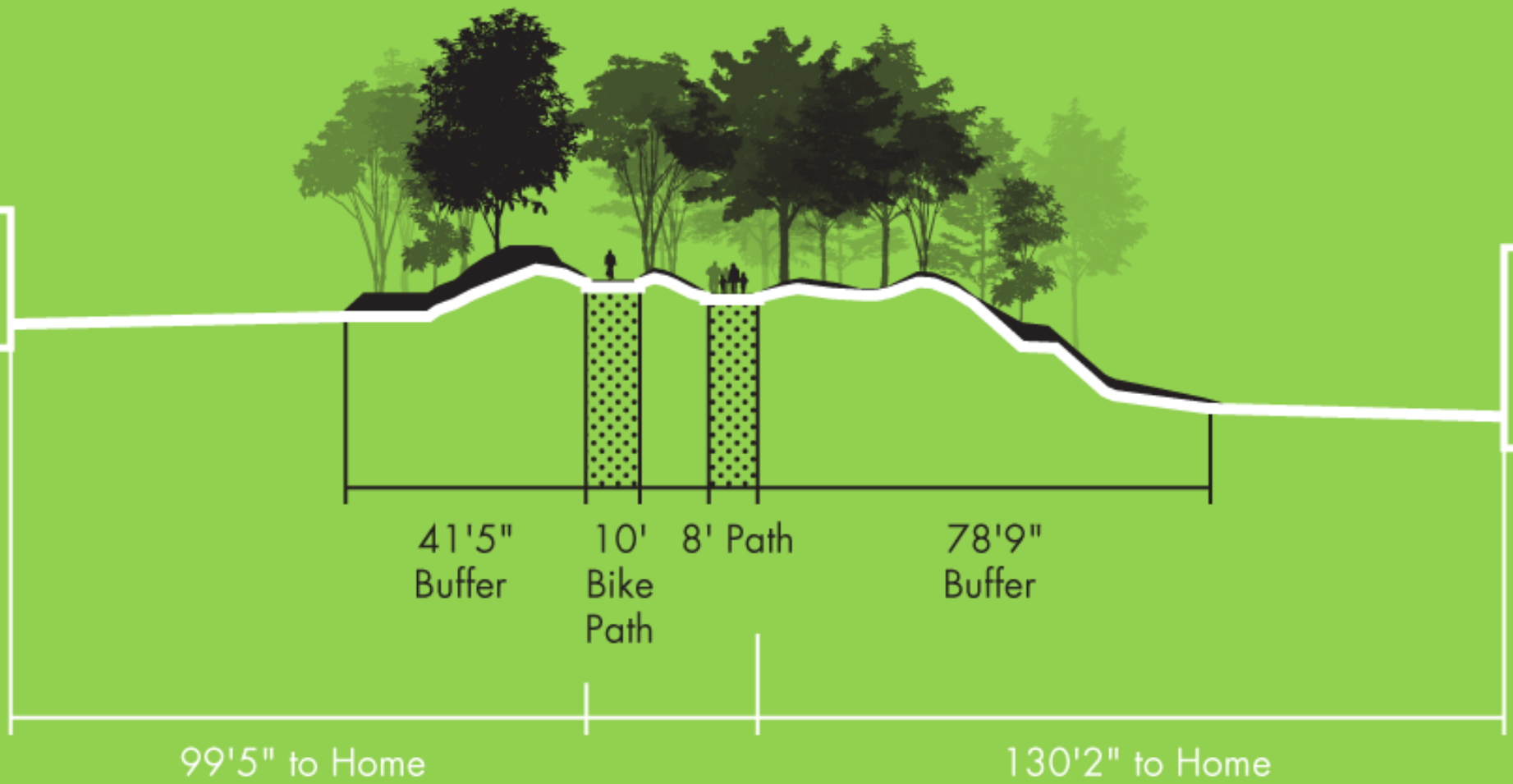
Project goals

- Serve as a **pedestrian connector** and access point from Rego Park and Ozone Park to Forest Park.
- Become an integral part of the New York City **bicycle path system** throughout Queens.
- Encourage **economic and cultural development** in the Borough of Queens
- Provide **safe access** at strategic intersections to transportation and safe,
- Protect and maintain the **privacy of adjacent residential** properties.



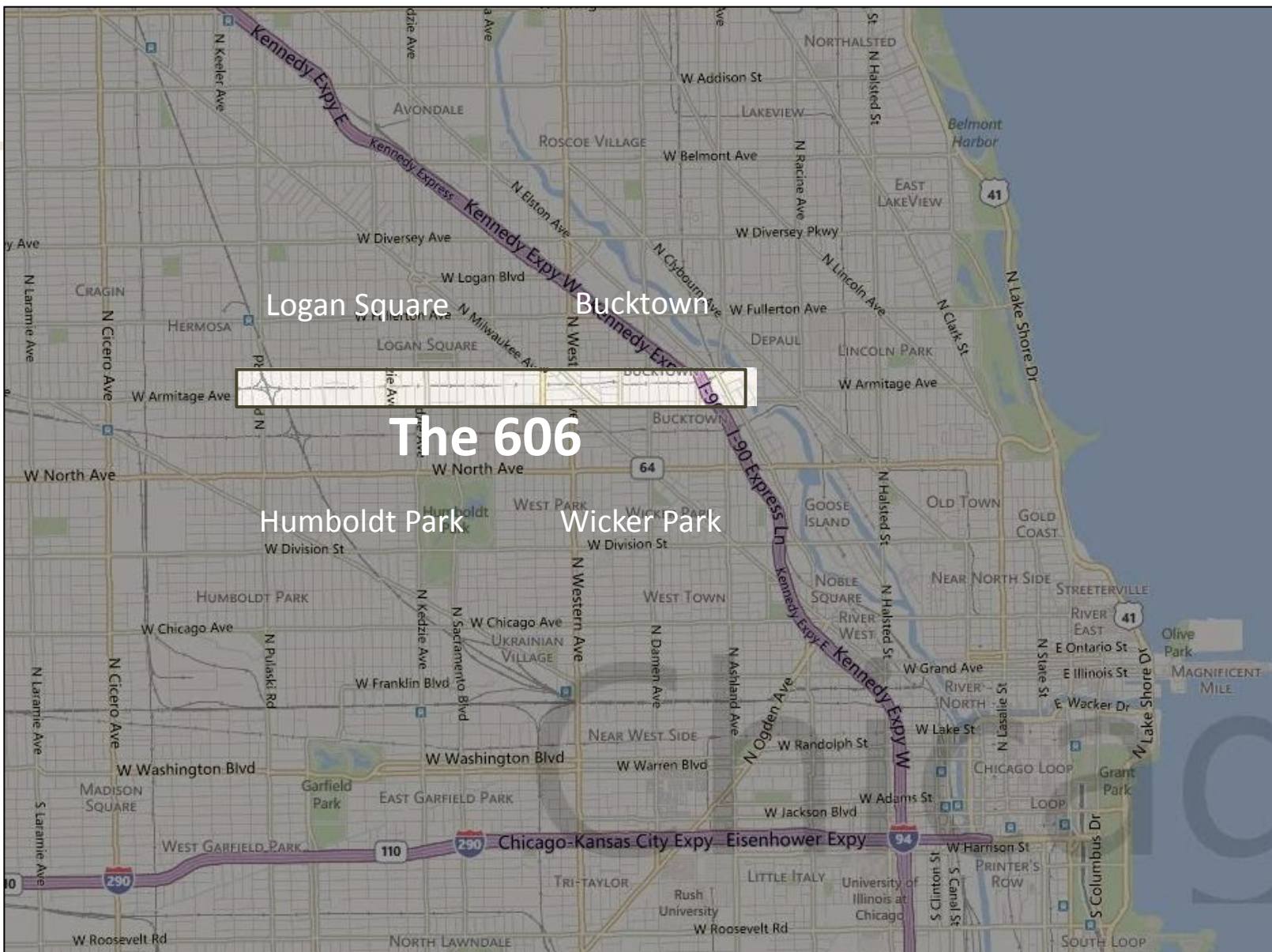
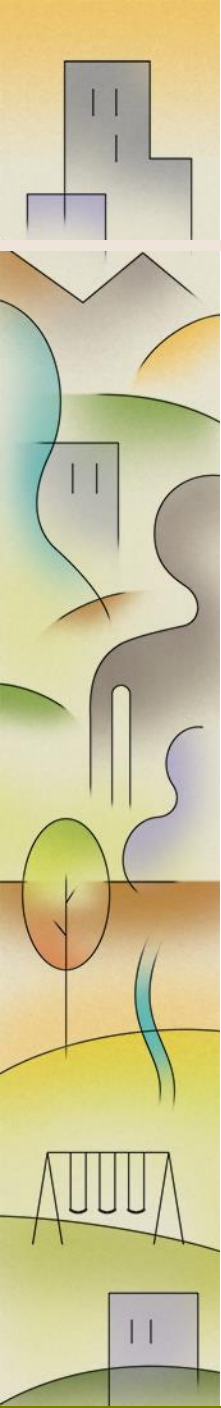


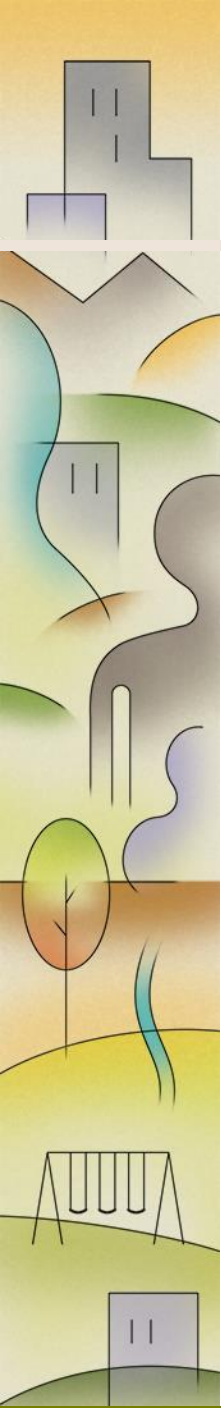




THE 606







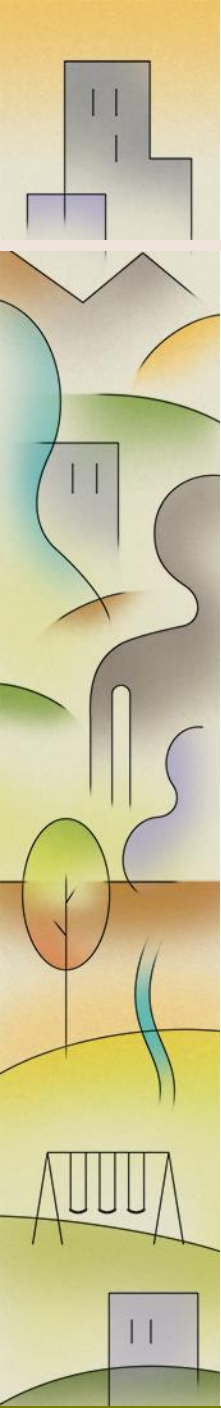
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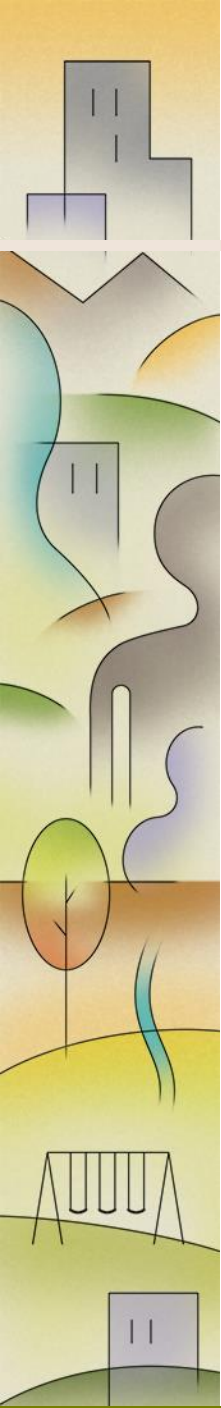
RAIL PARK
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BLOOMINGDALE TRAIL
CHICAGO
3 mi

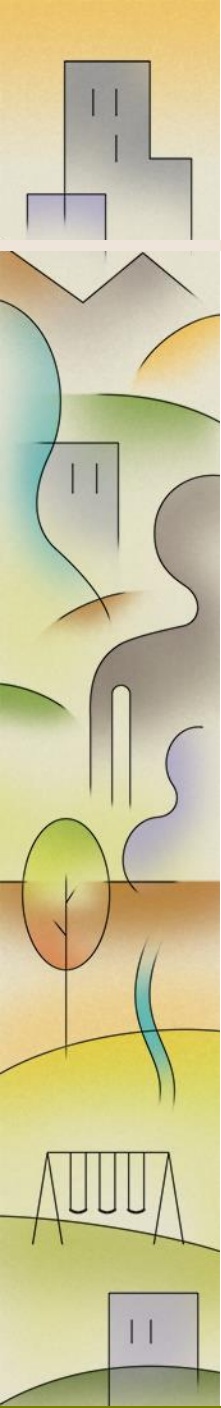




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friends of the
BLOOMINGDALE
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BT WALK/BIKE/RUN BLOOMINGDALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH 10 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
CHECK IN AT CHURCHILL FIELD (DAMEN)

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE BLOOMINGDALE TRAIL FOR A DAY OF EXPLORATION.

Bike the 3-mile-long corridor. Run beneath its viaducts. Stroll along the mural-covered walls. Visit the new Albany-Whipple Park, a point of future trail access.

Docents stationed along the route will shed light on the Trail and provide water. Bicycle mechanics will be on hand courtesy of West Town Bikes. Finish up with family friendly activities and a picnic at Churchill Field.

All ages are welcome.
\$5 suggested donation benefits
Friends of the Bloomingdale Trail.

For more information or to volunteer
contact Andrew Vessellinovich at The Trust
for Public Land, 312-427-1979.

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Mayor Daley's
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Ambassadors

WPB SSA #33
Goose Island
Clybourn

Logan Square
Walks

West Town Bikes

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

All participants are entered
to win valuable door prizes,
and first 100 participants
receive a free hand-printed
Bloomingdale Trail poster!

10:00 Check-in opens at
Churchill Park (Damen &
Bloomingdale)

ONGOING

- Self-guided walking tours
- Bike and pedestrian safety
games for kids

10:15 Group Run led by the
Chicago Area Runners Assoc.

10:30 1st Bike Tour led by
Mayor Daley's Bicycling
Ambassadors

11:30 2nd Bike Tour led by
Mayor Daley's Bicycling
Ambassadors

12:30 Snacks are served
courtesy of Goose Island
Clybourn

1:30 3rd Bike Tour led by
Mayor Daley's Bicycling
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2:00 Event closes

Join us (after you've toured
the trail) for a picnic and
family friendly activities at
Churchill Field!



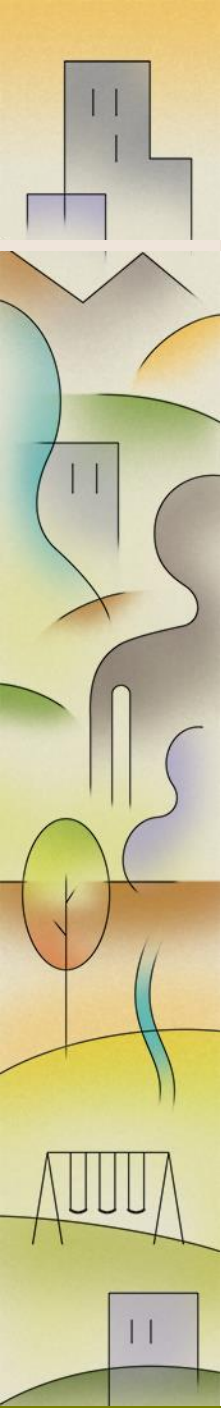
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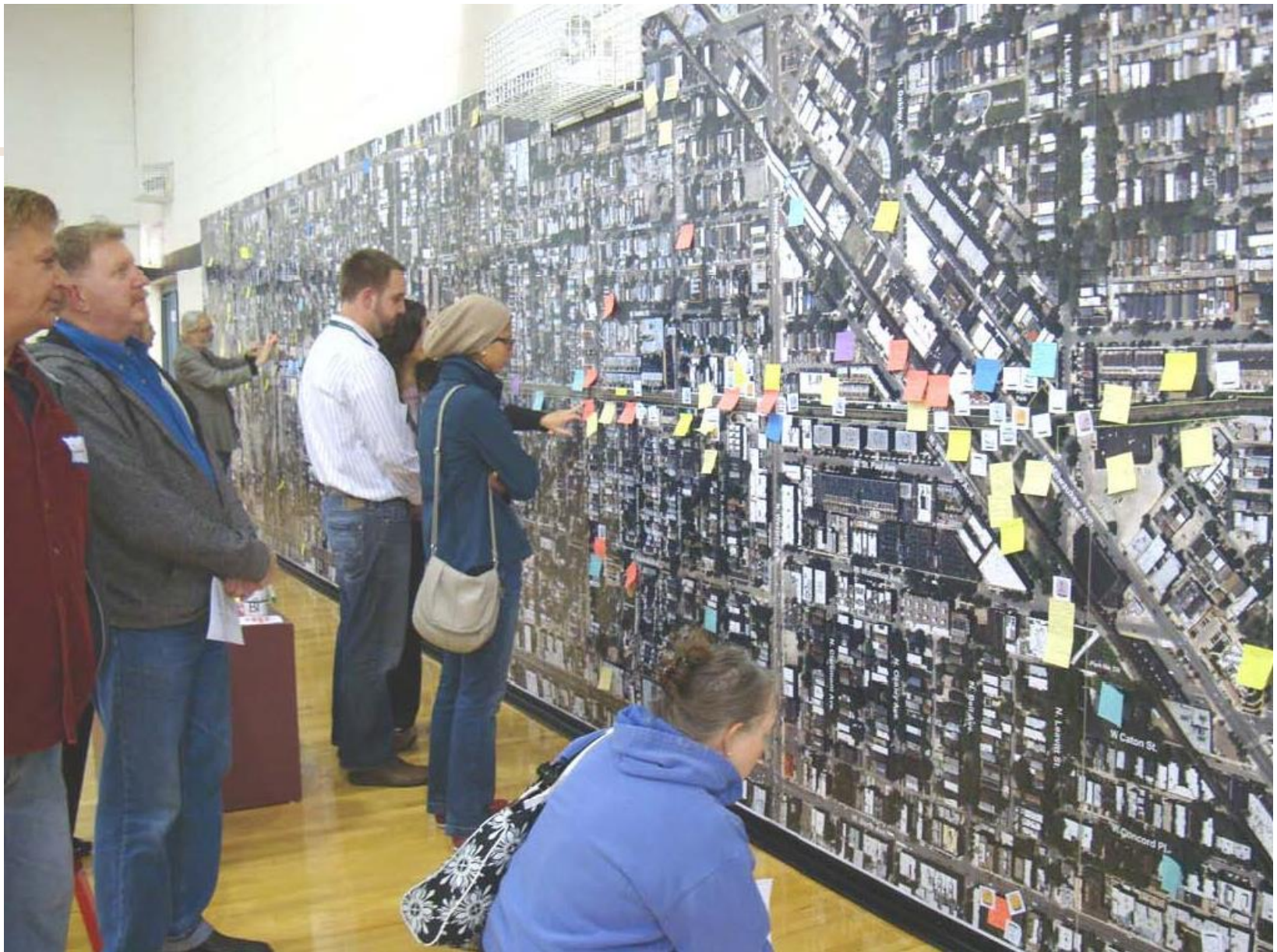
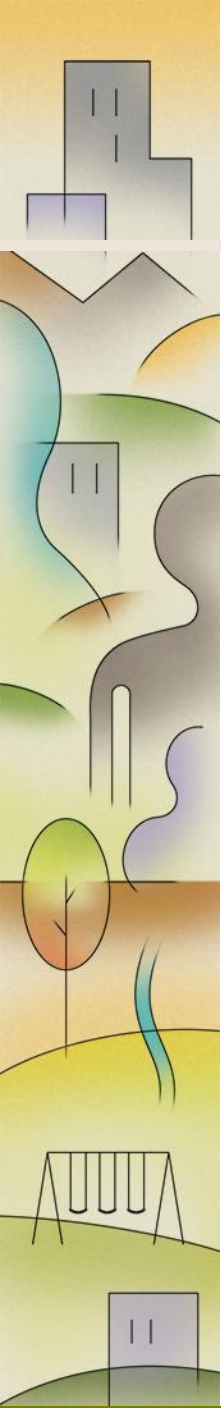
The Friends of the Bloomingdale
Trail advocates for the conversion
of the Bloomingdale rail
embankment into an elevated,
multi-use, linear park and trail.

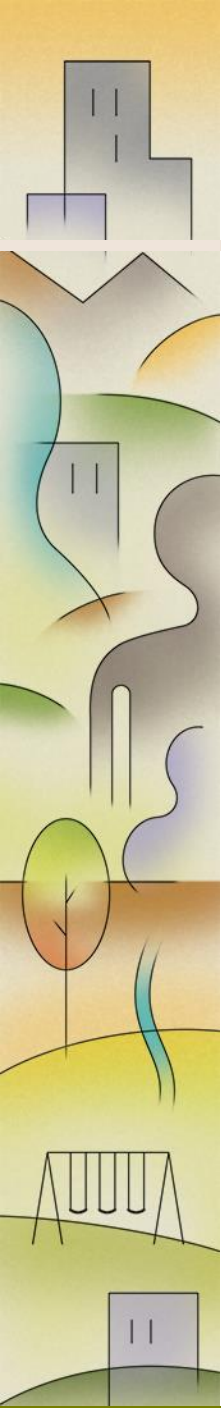
As its community stewards we work
to ensure the future greenway is
safe, accessible and a vibrant part
of every community it passes
through and over.

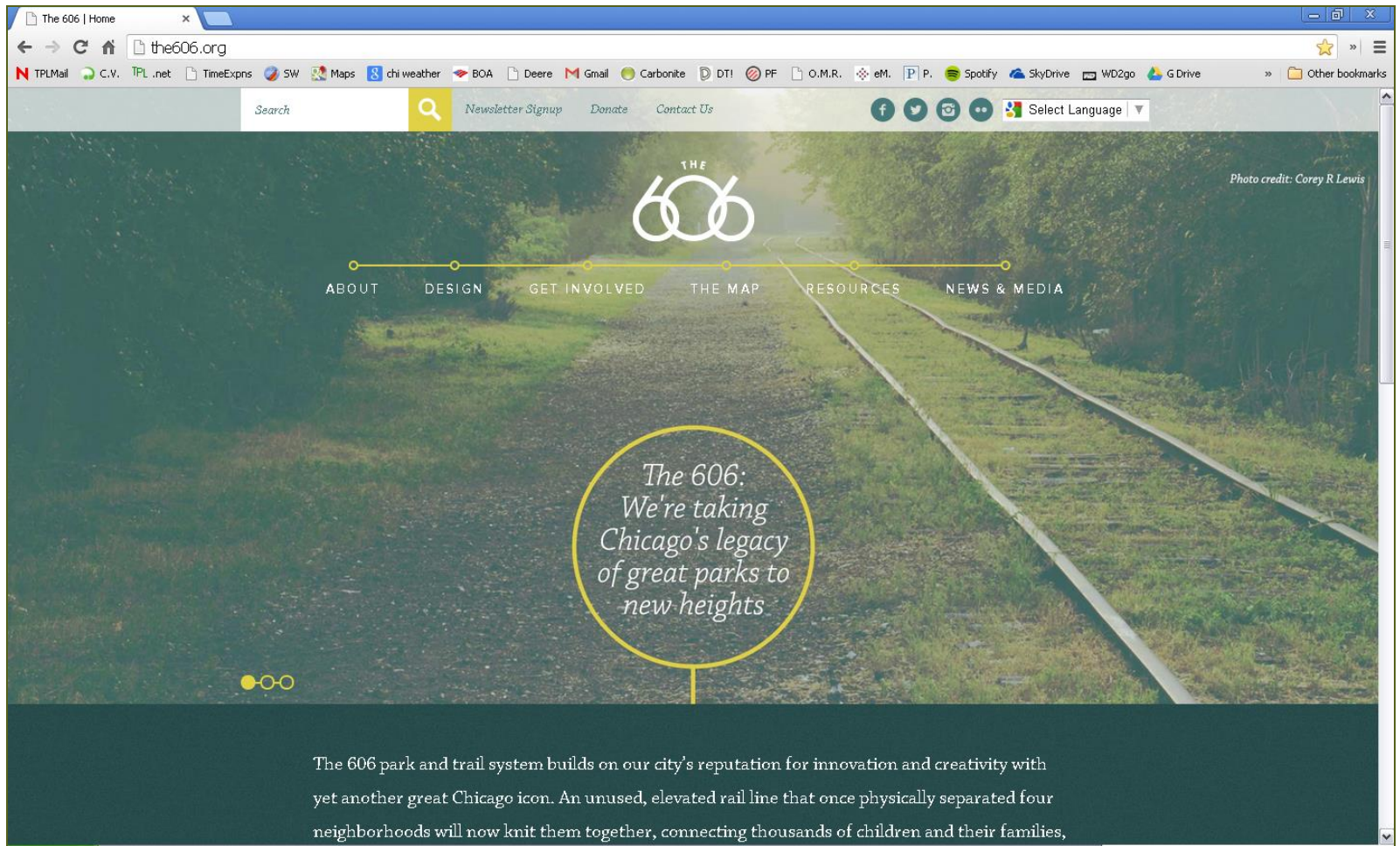
For more information visit
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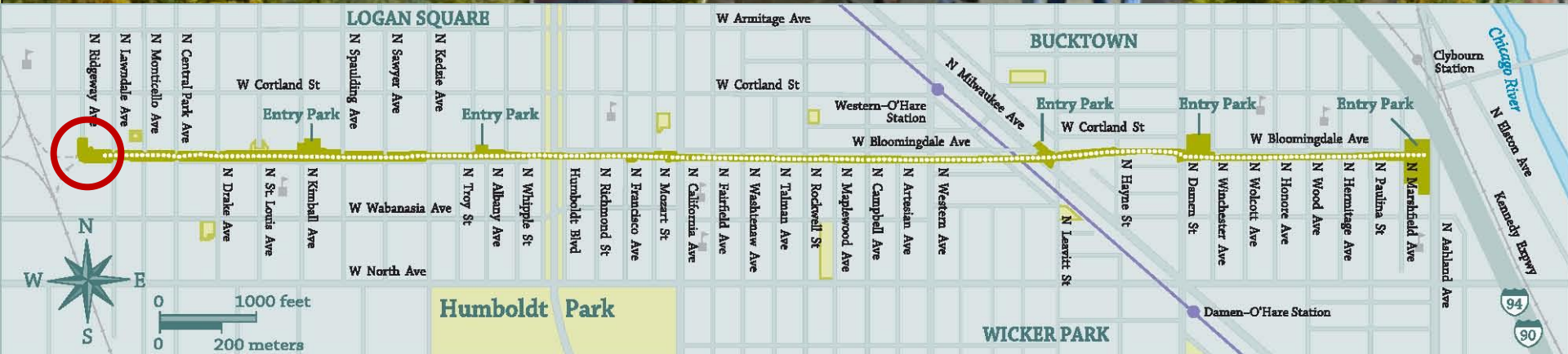


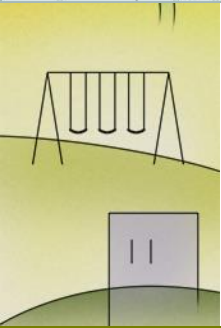
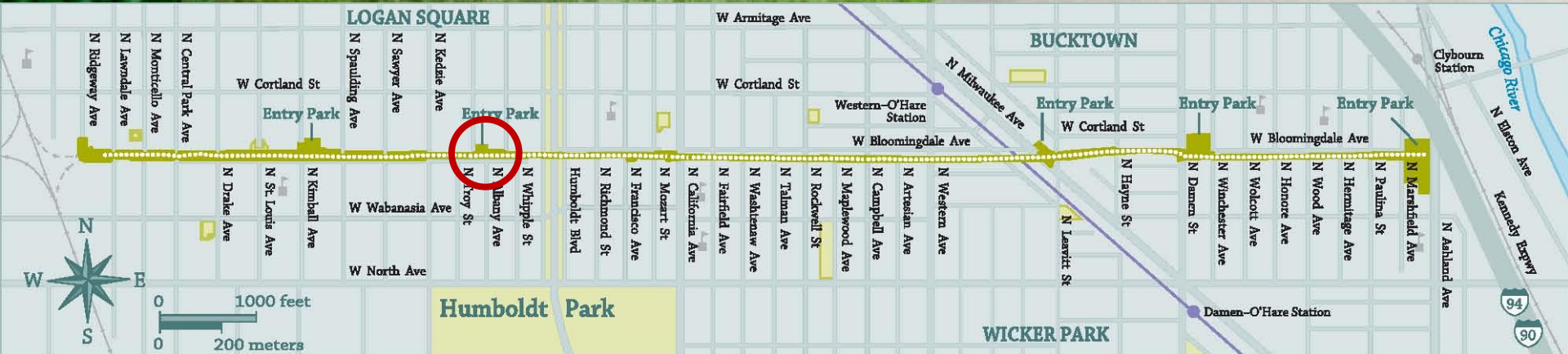


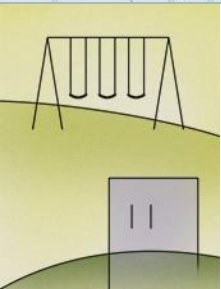
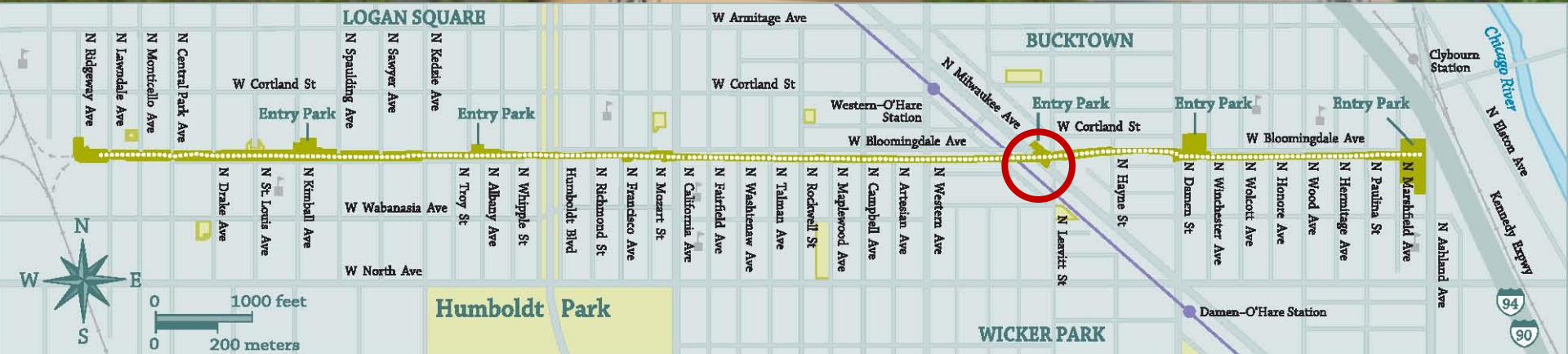


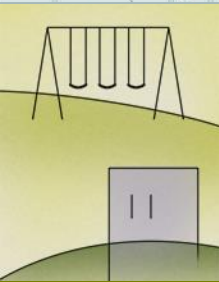
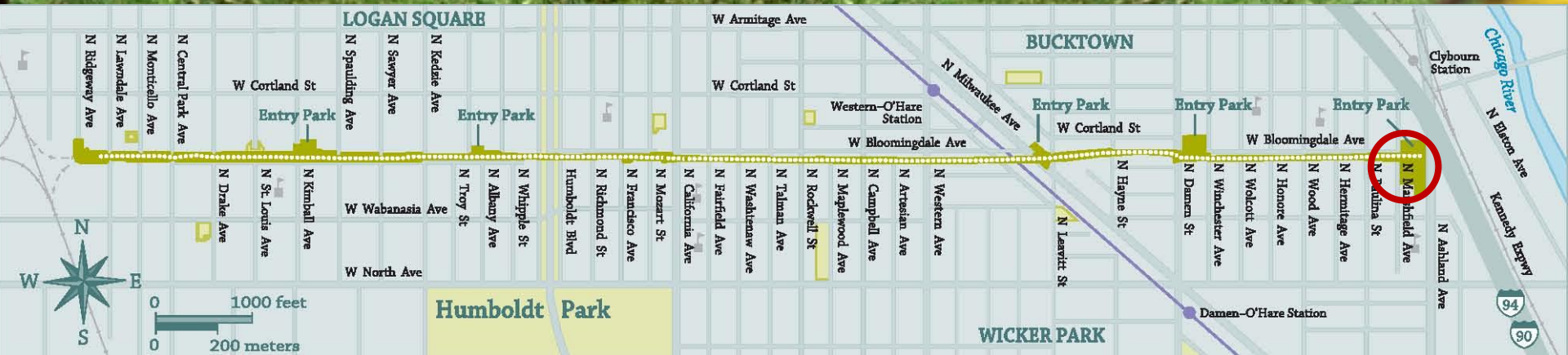
Project Priorities

- Honor and enhance unique attributes
- Balance trail and park
- Respect adjacent community
- Integrate into the broader community
- Create a safe and welcoming environment
- Create a living work of art









Thank You!



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